

House Resolution 2263

By: Representative Walker of the 107th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kirubel Erassa; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Kirubel Erassa is an outstanding student at Grayson High School, where he has
3 brought fame and honor to the school and community as a state cross-country champion and
4 nationally recognized talent; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Kirubel came to America in 2005 and first
6 began running as a freshman in high school; and

7 WHEREAS, determined to be a basketball or soccer star, Kirubel resisted the idea of joining
8 Grayson High School's track team as a freshman, but on the insistence of Coach Jason Abner
9 and encouragement from fellow Ethiopian runner Girma Mecheso, Kirubel found his true
10 calling was in cross-country running; and

11 WHEREAS, running up to 120 miles a week, Kirubel's diligent and unrelentless training has
12 paid off with state championship titles in the 1600, with a time of 4:14.98, the 3200, with a
13 time of 9:13.86, and the cross-country race; and

14 WHEREAS, Kirubel was the Nike National Indoor 5K Champion in 2010, runner-up in the
15 2010 Nike National Indoor One Mile, and runner-up in the Foot Locker South in 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, the Grayson community and the State of Georgia take great pride in the
17 accomplishments of this outstanding young champion and applaud the fine example he has
18 set for student athletes across this state; and

19 WHEREAS, Kirubel has received an athletic scholarship to attend Oklahoma State
20 University upon his graduation, and the State of Georgia looks forward with eager
21 anticipation to the promising future of this determined and talented young man.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Kirubel Erassa for his persistent training regime,
24 congratulate him upon his state and national championship titles, and extend to him best
25 wishes for continued success at Oklahoma State University and in the future.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kirubel Erassa.